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SUBJECT: CLOSED AREA REQUIREMENTS FOR SOVIET COMMERCIAL VISITORS

1. ACCORDING TO EMBASSY RECORDS, THERE ARE CURRENTLY 16 GROUPS OF SOVIET COMMERCIAL VISITORS WHOSE VISA APPLICATIONS HAVE BEEN APPROVED BUT WHOSE VISAS CANNOT BE ISSUED UNLESS THE EMBASSY RECEIVES NOTE FROM MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS REQUESTING EXCEPTION TO, OR RECOGNITION OF, CLOSED AREA RESTRICTIONS. EXPECTED APPROVAL OF APPLICATION FOR DELEGATION HEADED BY DEPUTY MINISTER OF MEAT/DAIRY INDUSTRY KROKHA WILL BRING NUMBER OF SUCH GROUPS TO 17.

2. SINCE INSTITUTION OF NEW COMVIS PROCEDURES IN AUGUST 1974, SOVIET MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS HAS REQUESTED EXCEPTIONS TO CLOSED AREA RESTRICTIONS IN ONLY TWO CASES. BOTH CASES INVOLVED DEPUTY MINISTERS (MISHEVICH OF OIL INDUSTRY AND KIR'YAKOV OF PULP/PAPER INDUSTRY), AND EMBASSY HAS IMPRESSED THAT MINISTRY WILL BE PREPARED REQUEST SUCH EXCEPTIONS ONLY IN CASES INVOLVING OFFICIALS OF DEPUTY MINISTER RANK OR ABOVE.

3. WE ARE NOW FACING SITUATION IN WHICH THIS ASPECT OF COMVIS
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PROCEDURES THREATENS TO BECOME MAJOR IMPEDIMENT IN DEVELOPMENT

OF US-SOVIET TRADE AND POTENTIAL IRRITANT IN OVERALL RELATIONSHIP. ALTHOUGH DIFFERENCES IN U.S. AND SOVIET SYSTEMS MAKE ANY COMPARISONS OF PRACTICES IN THIS AREA DIFFICULT, EMBASSY BELIEVES FACT THAT WE DO NOT HAVE TO REQUEST EXCEPTIONS TO SOVIET CLOSED AREA RESTRICTIONS FOR U.S. COMMERCIAL VISITORS SHOULD BE TAKEN INTO CONSIDERATION. RECENT DISUCSSION OF SOVIET PROCEDURES WITH REPRESENTATIVE OF ENTREKIN DIVISION OF CUTLER-HAMMER, WHICH CURRENTLY HAS SEVERAL REPRESENTATIVES IN GOR'KIY, REVEALED PROCESS ON SOVIET SIDE BOILS DOWN TO NEGOTIATION BETWEEN FOREIGN TRADE ORGANIZATION (IN THIS CASE STANKOIMPORT) AND KGB OVER WHETHER, AND IF SO, HOW MANY, COMPANY OFFICIALS WILL BE PERMITTED TO VISIT CLOSED AREA. EMBASSY SUGGESTS THAT WE ADOPT PROCEDURE ON OUR SIDE UNDER WHICH U.S. SPONSOR OF VISIT WOULD BE RESPONSIBLE FOR REQUESTING EXCEPTION TO CLOSED AREA RESTRICTIONS FOR SOVIET COMMERCIAL VISITORS. IF, HOWEVER, REQUEST FOR EXCEPTION FROM SOVIET ORGANIZATION IS CONSIDERED NECESSARY, EMBASSY SUGGESTS THAT WE SEEK OBTAIN SUCH REQUESTS FROM AMTORG OR KAMA PURCHASING AGENCY. STOESEL

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